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HOUSE BILL 2331

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By Representatives Simpson and Wood

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1            AN ACT Relating to funding qualifying projects through the urban  
2 corridor program of the transportation improvement board; amending RCW  
3 47.26.282; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington  
6 state's quality of life is based on a number of factors, including a  
7 strong economy, affordable housing, and appropriate infrastructure.  
8 The legislature finds that existing funding levels are insufficient to  
9 meet current and future demands for infrastructure, especially  
10 infrastructure that is necessary to accommodate new population growth.  
11 The legislature finds also that the transportation improvement board's  
12 urban corridor program provides a mechanism to ensure that  
13 infrastructure funding is directed to projects that are necessary to  
14 accommodate growth. The legislature, therefore, intends to establish  
15 requirements pertaining to funding growth infrastructure projects from  
16 the urban corridor program, and dedicate funding to the transportation  
17 improvement board for grants to fund qualifying infrastructure programs  
18 that are consistent with these requirements.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.26.282 and 2002 c 189 s 5 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) In any project funded by the transportation improvement board,  
4 except for projects in cities having a population of less than five  
5 thousand persons, and in addition to any other items required to be  
6 considered by statute, the board also shall consider the land use  
7 implications of the project, such as whether the programs and projects:

8       ~~((1))~~ (a) Support development in and revitalization of existing  
9 downtowns;

10       ~~((2))~~ (b) Implement local comprehensive plans for rural and urban  
11 residential and nonresidential densities;

12       ~~((3))~~ (c) Have land use planning and regulations encouraging  
13 compact development for rural and urban residential and nonresidential  
14 densities; and

15       ~~((4))~~ (d) Promote the use of multimodal transportation.

16       (2)(a) In any project funded by the transportation improvement  
17 board's urban corridor program, the board must consider, in addition to  
18 any other considerations required by law, the following factors when  
19 determining whether to make grants to local governments to accommodate  
20 projected growth:

21       (i) Whether the project will improve the minimum levels of service  
22 on transportation facilities that will accommodate planned growth. For  
23 the purposes of this subsection, "minimum levels of service" means an  
24 "a" through "d" level of service on an "a" to "f" scale or other  
25 generally accepted transportation measurement scale;

26       (ii) Whether the project will enable the local government to  
27 implement its comprehensive and capital facilities plans to accommodate  
28 projected population and employment growth; and

29       (iii) Whether the local government has sufficient quantities of  
30 buildable land and development regulations to accommodate projected  
31 population and employment growth related to the project.

32       (b) In addition to the criteria in (a) of this subsection, the  
33 board must give preference to proposals from local governments with  
34 adopted policies that:

35       (i) Provide or encourage the provision of housing for all economic  
36 segments of the community;

37       (ii) Ensure that land use regulations will not result in a net loss  
38 of housing capacity; and

1        (iii) Provide receiving zones for the transfer of development  
2 rights.

3        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    The sum of twenty million dollars, or as  
4 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium  
5 ending June 30, 2009, from the state motor vehicle fund to the urban  
6 arterial trust account for the purposes of this act.

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